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7. I talked with Mr. Fisher, Register of Copyrights, in the Library of Congress, regarding H. R. 6716, a bill which would amend the copyright laws to authorize suits for infringement against the U. S. Government rather than its individual employees. This would place copyright infringement suits on the same basis as patent suits and would overcome a long standing court decision on this matter. I recalled to the Register that we had discussed this matter some years ago, at which time CIA was considering the possibility of legislation of its own in this connection because of the necessity of using copyrighted material in psychological warfare items, the source of which often could not be revealed to the copyright owners for security reasons. Mr. Fisher said that he felt that there was not much chance of H. R. 6716 moving during the current session but that it had been introduced to elicit comments with the hope of action in the next session. I stated that I would consider the possibility of writing the Bureau of the Budget urging some Administration support for this bill.

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